Working on a Fixed Scaffold

Toolbox Talk E43

Scaffolds should be designed, erected, altered and dismantled only by competent people and the work should always be carried out under the direction of a competent supervisor. This is a requirement of the Work at Height Regulations 2005. Scaffolders MUST have a CISRS card.

A competent person must inspect the whole of the scaffolding and associated temporary supports, including the tying in and sections that are welded, bolted and fabricated off site, prior to use. The inspection must be recorded in the site scaffold inspection register. Subsequently the structure must be checked on a regular basis to ensure it remains safe throughout its use. The consequences of altering scaffold can be FATAL.

Scaffold Inspection

It is the scaffold users/hire responsibility to ensure that all scaffolding has been inspected as follows:

- Following installation / before first use.
- At an interval of no more than every 7 days thereafter.
- Following any circumstances liable to jeopardise the safety of the installation eg high winds.

A non scaffolder who has attended a scaffold inspection course (eg a site manager) could be deemed competent to inspect a basic scaffold structure.

Scaff tags are not required to be in place by law however it is best practice.

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If you have any questions or concerns then please speak to your supervisor.

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